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Carlsbad, California 92009



In Reply Refer To:
FWS-SDG-4441.1

APR 20 2005

Mr. Chris White
Chief, Environmental Branch
Caltrans District 11
5251 Viewridge Court
San Diego, California 92110

Re: Request for Candidate, Proposed, Threatened, or Endangered Species for the State Route 188 Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Facility Project in San Diego County, California

Dear Mr. White:

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has reviewed the information provided in your March 21, 2005, letter to assess the potential presence of federally listed threatened, endangered, or proposed species at the proposed project site. We do not have site specific information for your project area. However, to assist you in evaluating whether or not the proposed project may affect listed species, we are providing the attached list of species that occur in the general project area. We recommend that you seek assistance from a biologist familiar with your project site, and with the listed species to assess the potential for direct, indirect, and cumulative effects likely to result from the proposed activity. You should also contact the California Department of Fish and Game for State-listed and sensitive species that may occur in the area of the proposed project. Please note that State-listed species are protected under the provisions of the California Endangered Species Act.

If it is determined that the proposed project may affect a listed or proposed species, or the designation of any critical habitat, you should request initiation of consultation (or conference for proposed species) with the Service pursuant to section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (Act), as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.). Informal consultation may be used to exchange information and resolve conflicts with respect to listed species prior to a written request for formal consultation.

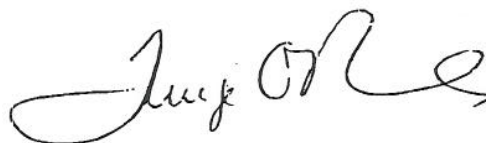
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Should you have any questions regarding the species listed or your responsibilities under the Act, please call John DiGregoria of my staff at (760) 431-9440, extension 208.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Therese O'Rourke', with a stylized, cursive script.

Therese O'Rourke
Assistant Field Supervisor

~~Enclosure~~

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Listed Endangered, Threatened and Proposed Species
that may occur in the vicinity of State Route 188
Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Facility Project
in San Diego County, California

Common Name	Scientific Name	Status
<u>BIRDS</u>		
coastal California gnatcatcher	<i>Polioptila californica californica</i>	T
<u>INVERTEBRATES</u>		
quino checkerspot butterfly	<i>Euphydryas editha quino</i>	E

E=Endangered T=Threatened